Traditional Tribal Constitution and Bylaws
of the
Village of Akhiok, Alaska

Preamble

We, a group of Native residents of Akhiok, Alaska having a common bond of residence, in order to promote our welfare through the development of governmental and economic enterprises as they relate to the Public Law 93-638 and other Indian programs, do establish this Constitution and Bylaws.

Article 1 - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Village of Akhiok.

Article II - Definition of Territory

The boundaries of the Village of Akhiok are:

> Beginning at SE corner of Section 28, Unsurveyed T37S, R31W, Seward Meridian, Alaska; thence North to the poing where the E boundary of Section 28, Unsurveyed T37S, R31W, intersects the mean low water line of Akhiok Bay; thence in a northerly direction following the mean water line of Akhiok Bay to the point where it intersects the North boundary of Section 22, Unsurveyed T37S, R31W; thence West to the NW corner of Section 24 Unsurveyed T37S, R32W; thence S to the SW corner of the NW 1/4 of Section 36, Unsurveyed T37S, R32W; thence East to the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 31, Unsurveyed T37S, R31W; thence northeasterly to the point of beginning, containing 9 3/4 square miles, more or less.

Article III - Membership

Section I - All Native persons whose names shall appear on the membership roll and being residents within the geographical coverage of this Village of Akhiok for at least 60 continous days shall be members of this organization.

Section II - a. New members. All children of any member, who are residents of Akhiok shall be members of this organization. b. Any Native person who becomes a resident of Akhiok may be adopted as a member of the organization by the council by a majority vote in it's regular called meeting.

Section III - Definition of Adult - Any person who is 18 years of age or older will be considered an adult.

Article IV - The Council

Section 1 - There shall be a Council composed of a President and four members elected by the adult members of the Village of Akhiok.

Section 2 - The Council shall represent the Village of Akhiok in all its undertakings with federal agencies responsible for administering programs that involve grants to federally recognized Indian tribal governments and shall exercise the powers of the Village of Akhiok enumerated in this constitution.

Section 3 - Each member of the Council shall serve for a three year term, except that of the members first elected, one shall serve for a term of one year and two shall serve a term of 2 years and 2 shall serve a term of 3 years.

Section 4 - Nominations for Council members shall occur 15 days prior to the election at a regular called meeting.

Article V - Powers of the Council

Section 1 - To do all things under P.L. 93-638 and other Indian programs for the common good of its members.

Section 2 - To deal with the Federal Government and its agencies on behalf of the Village of Akhiok to deal with any person, firm, corporation or municipality on behalf of the Village of Akhiok.

Section 3 - To provide for filling vacancies in office consistent with this Constitution.

Section 4 - The Council may have and use such other powers as may be given to it by the Federal or State Government.

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Article IV - Change of Officers

Section 1 - Any officer of the Council or official of the Village of Akhiok who is convicted of a felony or any other offense involving dishonesty or moral turpitude shall forfeit his/her office.

Section 2 - If the office of the Council member is vacant for any reason, the Council may appoint a successor to serve until the next regular election of the Village of Akhiok at which time a member shall be elected to fill the un-expired term.

Article VII - Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by a resolution of the Council. Amendments shall become effective when ratified by a majority vote of adult members, provided that at least 30 per cent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

Article VIII- Dissolution

The Constitution and Bylaws shall continue in existence until dissolved by a majority vote of the adult members of this organization, provided that at least 30 per cent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

Bylaws of the Village of Akhiok

Article 1 - Duties of Officers

Section 1 - The President - The President of the Council shall preside over all meetings of the Council and of the organization, exercising the usual duties of a chairman and any others delegated to him. He may vote in Council meetings only in case of a tie. or secret Ballot. The President is charged with general responsibilities for the administration of the organization and resolutions.

Section 2 - The Vice-President - The duties of the Vice President, in the absence of the President, will be the same as those of a President.

Section 3 - The Secretary/Treasurer - The Secretary/Treasurer shall act as a chairman in the event the President or the Vice-President is absent from the Village. He shall conduct all correspondence and keep a complete and accurate record of all business transactions of the organization or of the Council. He shall record all rules and regulations in appropriate books for the information and guidance of the Village members. He shall accept, receive, receipt for, preserve and safeguard all funds for which the Council is responsible. He shall make a faithful record of such funds and shall report to the Council all receipts and expenditures and the amount and nature of all funds in his possession or custody. He shall not pay out or authorize disbursement of any funds for which he is responsible except upon authorization of the Council. The Secretary/Treasurer may be required at the request of the Council to give bond satisfactory to the Council.

Section 4 - Appointive Officers - The duties of all appointive officers, agents or committees appointed by the Council shall be clearly defined by a resolution of the Council at the time of appointment. No appointive officer shall serve for a term longer than the elective officers.

Section 5 - The Records - All accounts, records, books and minutes of the Village of Akhiok or Council meetings shall be subject to examination by members of the Village or Council, or the agents of the Federal or State Government having authorized business with the Village of Akhiok.

Article II - Qualification of Officers

Section 1 - No person may be a candidate for any elective office unless he has the qualifications of a voter.

Section 2 - No person who has been convicted of a felony may be a candidate for any elective office.

Article III - Meetings of the Membership

Section 1 - Annual Membership Meeting. An annual meeting of the members shall be held for the purpose of electing Council members whose terms have expired and for transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Article IV - Meetings of the Council

Section 1 - All meetings shall be scheduled at the call of the President by giving written notice to the members of the council at least two days prior to the meeting. Council meetings shall be open to the membership of the Village of Akhiok.

Section 2 - The President may call such other special meetings as he may deem necessary by giving two days notice to the members of the Council.

Section 3 - The Quorum - Three Council members shall constitute a Quorum for a Council meeting. For general organization meetings, thirty percent (30%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4 - Careful and accurate record in the form of minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Council and preserved in the appropriate files of the Council.

Article V - Rights of Members

Section 1 - All members of the Village of Akhiok 18 years or over shall have the right to vote in Village meetings and elections.

Section 2 - Members of the Village of Akhiok shall have the right to speak and meet freely in a peaceable way.

Section 3 - Members of the Village of Akhiok shall have equal chance to share in the benefits of the Village.

Article VI - Rule-Making Power

The Council shall have power to make rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws.

Article VII - Adoption

This Constitution and Bylaws shall be in effect when it is agreed to by a majority vote of the Village members voting in an election called for the purpose; provided that at least 30 per cent of the voting membership take part. The persons entitled to vote are all the adult members (18 or over) of the Village of Akhiok, Alaska.

Article VIII - Amendment Repeal of Constitution & Bylaws

Section 1 - The Constitution may be amended at any meeting of members of the Village of Akhiok by a majority vote of the village members voting in the election for the purpose, provided at least 30% of the voting membership take part. No amendment to the Constitution shall be made at any meeting unless notice is given at least 15 days prior to such meeting, stating that it is proposed that the articles be amended and stating the nature of the amendment.

Certification of Adoption

We the undersigned members of the Village of Akhiok, having been chosen to be the election judges by the majority of the members, certify that we were present at an election called for the purpose of adopting this Constitution and Bylaws on May 15, 1978; that the foregoing was duly adopted at such election by a vote of 15 for, and 0 against, where at least 30% of those entitled to vote cast their ballots.

Andy Kahutak
Chairman, Election Board

Walter Simeonoff Sr.
Chairman, Election Member